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Subject: Plans and Activities of the Directorio Revolucionario

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1. Part of the information in the attached report was forwarded by HAVA 831.

2. Source, whom [illegible] had previously met through a mutual acquaintance, sent word through another student contact of [illegible] that he wanted to talk to [illegible]. Since source is wanted by the Cuban authorities, he was met clandestinely. The information in the attached report was elicited from him during meetings on 9 and 10 March 1957.

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FIELD INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY:	Cuba	REPORT NO.	[illegible]-1432
SUBJECT:	Plans and Activities of the Directorio Revolucionario	DATE OF INFO:	October 1956 - 9 March 1957
		DATE ACQUIRED:	9-10 March 1957
PLACE ACQUIRED:	Habana	DATE OF REPORT:	11 March 1957

SOURCE, SOURCE EVALUATION, APPRAISAL OF CONTENT:

Source: Member of Directorio Revolucionario (F)

Appraisal of Content: 3

1. José Antonio ECHEVERRIA Bianchi[2] and Juan NUIRY Sánchez,[2] leaders of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil[4] (Revolutionary Student Directory) formed at the University of Habana, met in October 1956 in Miami, Florida, with two delegates of FIDEL CASTRO Ruz and with Carlos PRIO Socarrás to plan the uprising against the BATISTA regime. The delegates of the three groups agreed on a plan which called for CASTRO's group to land in Oriente and the other two groups to go into action at the [illegible] time in support of CASTRO's landing and subsequent activities. Faustino PEREZ,[2] a physician, and Juan Manuel MARQUEZ,[2] who was killed in the Sierra Maestra fighting, were CASTRO's delegates. Carlos MARISTANY,[2] former Minister of Labor, accompanied Carlos PRIO.[2]

2. After the assassination of Lt. Col. Antonio BLANCO Rico in late October 1956, ECHEVERRIA, NUIRY, and other members of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil had to go into hiding because they were accused by President Fulgencio BATISTA of having been the authors of BLANCO Rico's death. Since then they have been working clandestinely to organize, arm, and prepare their group to go into action. There are approximately 100 men hidden in the Habana area awaiting the signal to strike, and other groups are ready throughout the island. Considerable support is expected from Cuban Navy personnel, [illegible], as well as from many persons who have asked to join the group but have not been incorporated into the group for lack of proper arms. The Directorio has also been in contact with Army personnel and hopes that many of the troops will desert or go over to the Directorio's side when the fighting begins.[1]

3. The Directorio does not know or understand why the PRIO group, which is believed to be well-armed, has not gone into action as yet. The Directorio knows that PRIO has given instructions to his group leaders to remain quiet, but the reasons behind these instructions have not been determined.

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